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Follow Up: Normal Priority. Follow up on 03/03/2010 at 09:00 AM. 

History: This message has been replied to.

Hello Mr. Muhammadali:

As I continue to review information on the mining/restoration operations at URI's KVD mining site, I continue to find a need for assistance with issues that I can not clearly resolve by myself. I write to you once more in hopes that you may be in a position to assist with finding answers.

The attached pdf file, labeled "100226URIrestoReport2ndQtr09_02", is a table providing information on monitoring wells, taken out of URI's Restoration Report for the 2nd quarter of 2009. I assume that the information provided under the headings "Lvl. (ft)" and "Csng. Ht. (in)" is intended to assist in more accurately estimating the Water Level inside the monitoring wells.

Is it safe to assume that "Lvl. (ft)" refers to the water level in the wells measured from the top of the casing, which I infer is found somewhere above the ground in most of the wells at the site?. Can I assume that "Csng. Ht. (in)" is the length of the casing sticking above the ground in a given well?. I would like to have your assistance in determining whether the above information is supplied so that the depth to the water in all wells can be easily referred to a common datum, i.e.: ground level, for comparison. Also, I noticed that the samples' PH values are no longer listed in the above table. Do you know where in the report these data are now reported? (sorry, as I said before, I am still trying to educate myself on the report details, and have not come across them as yet).

The attached pdf file, labeled "100226URIsKVDPA2excurs_02", is the map found in URI's report to TCEQ titled "MW – 49a Remedial Action Report May 14 through June 16, 1998". I gather that this map is intended to provide information similar to that seen in the map in Figure 1 in the URI report titled "MW – 49a & MW- 172 Remedial Action Report July 21 through August 17" (presumably, 1998). A segment of the above Figure 1 is shown in the attachment labeled "010211URIsKVDpa2Excursn_01cps".

It can be seen that the May-June 1998 report map shows, for the same area within the mining site, a larger number of wells than the July-August (1998?) report map. I am particularly interested in learning about the wells seen just south of the row of monitoring wells containing wells MW-49a and MW-172. These wells (7 or 8), as I said, are not shown in the map in the July-August report, and most, if not all of them, appear to be production wells. I will appreciate your assistance in identifying these wells and in obtaining data for them, especially data that may make it possible to analyze their performance.

In previous correspondence to you I mistakenly referred to the above referenced Figure 1 as being part of the "Restoration Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2009", which, as seen above, is not the case. I regret the error and hope I did not cause you any confusion.

Thank you very much for your cooperation with the above issues. I look forward to hearing from you, have a nice afternoon. Sincerely,

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